

## **John Young – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

John Young was in Plymouth by 1643. He married Abigail Howland in Plymouth in 1648. They were in Eastham by 1651 where they had eleven children. John was appointed Constable in 1654 but he was not very involved in town affairs. John died in 1690 and Abigail died in 1692. Both probably are buried in unmarked graves in Eastham Cove Burying Ground.

### 1659

Granted to John Young and Richard Knowles one and one-quarter acres of land at Billingsgate bounded by land of Daniel Cole and Richard Wixam. PDF A110, M237.

John Young purchased from John Smally four acres for a house lot between land belonging to Richard Higgins and Steven Atwood. Young also purchased from Smally three-quarters of an acre of adjoining meadow which ran to the waterside and which was next to land of Richard Higgins, William Bradford and the highway. PDF A190, A191, M97.

Granted to John Young ten acres of upland at Pochet adjoining land belonging to George Crispe. Bounds were indicated by marked trees at each corner. PDF A191, M99, S8, S9.

Granted to John Young three acres at Church's Meadow bounded from Joseph Cooke's land to the beach. Young then sold this land to Cooke. Some of the meadow was covered by sand from the beach. PDF A191, S9.

Granted to John Young five acres of upland at Pochet between Young's Cove and the highway that goes to Richard Sparrow's ground. PDF A191, S9.

### 1661

John Young sold to Josiah Cooke for seven pounds his house and land which Cook purchased for use of the town. This was the property Young purchased from John Smally in 1659. The payment to Young was made by the overseers of the common stock. PDF P22.

1662

This is another record of the 1659 purchase by John Young of two parcels of land belonging to John Smally and the 1661 sale of the same property by Young to Josiah Cooke for the town's use. This property was between land of William Bradford and Richard Higgins. This record also indicates that after Bradford's death his land was lawfully possessed by Manasseth Kempton of Plymouth. Kempton then gave this land to the Eastham Church. Kempton's 1662 letter to Gov. Thomas Prentice donating this land to the church is included in this record. PDF A190.

1669

John Young sold one-half acre of meadow at Billingsgate to Ralph Smith. This meadow was next to meadow which Steven Atwood had purchased from George Crisp. PDF A191, M99, S32.

1670

This record describes parcels of land reserved for the use of persons employed by the town in the church ministry. Included was the property which Josiah Cooke purchased from John Young in 1661 and the adjoining property which Manasseth Kempton inherited from William Bradford and donated to the church in 1662. PDF A192.

1677

John Young purchased from Thomas Paine for nine pounds fifteen acres of upland at Pochet on the westerly side of Young's Cove. Bounds were indicated with marked trees. PDF A244, A245, M242, M243, M244.

John Young purchased from John Mayo for eight pounds ten acres at Pochet on the westerly side of Young's Cove. PDF A245, A246.

1711

Granted to John Young, Benjamin Young, Jonathan Young, Israel Young and Samuel Brown in joint and equal partnership one of twenty-four lots granted on Great Island at Billingsgate. The dimensions indicate the lot was about seven and one-half acres. Four of the owners were sons of John Young. PDF T88.

Granted to John Young and his heirs about twelve acres of land at Griffith's Island at Billingsgate. The land was next to the Herring River. PDF T139.

Granted to John Young and his heirs three parcels of land at Griffith's Island at Billingsgate. The first parcel was about five acres on the east side of his dwelling house and near his barn. The second parcel was about three acres north of his barn and next to Hopkins land. The third parcel was a wood lot of about two and one-half acres on the west side of his dwelling house. PDF T139.

Granted to John Young and his heirs about seven and one-half acres north of Blackfish Creek by the Cedar Swamp. This grant was to make up for meadow lost by Young in a previous division of meadow. PDF T139.

Granted to John Young and his heirs about four acres on the easterly side of Griffith's Island next to Hopkins land. PDF T180.

1715

Granted to John Young and his heirs two parcels of land at Griffith's Island at Little Billingsgate. One parcel next to Hopkins land was about thirteen and one-half acres. The other parcel on the eastern end of Griffith's Island was about two and one-half acres. PDF T254.

Granted to John Young and his heirs the 135<sup>th</sup> wood lot in a series of 156 wood lot grants. It was next to lots of Samuel Smith and Ebenezer Freeman in the Pamet Point area. Dimensions are incomplete but the wood lot probably was about twenty acres based on the size of other wood lots in the area.

The Eastham land owned by John Young or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about 120 acres. By 1745 twenty-one more Youngs received Eastham land grants.